[Mr. S. Krishna Pillai.]

would be in a position to appreciate correctly the position of Government. On the other hand, if I write to Government and get the information I want, it would be of help only to me personally.

PRESIDENT: In theory, Mr. Krishna Pillai, perhaps what you say is correct; but, at the moment, the Secretary does not seem to have the information you want.

Grant of monopoly for removal of ilmenite.

11. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any company enjoying any monopoly for working ilmenite from Travancore; and

(*b*) if so, whether any variation was made in the original grant and with what loss to Government?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Loss incurred by the punja cultivators in the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks in 1104.

12. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any report has been prepared and submitted by the Land Revenue Commissioner about the loss caused to the *punja* cultivators of the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks due to the untimely rains of 1104; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of the report and the orders passed thereon?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The 18th July 1929 and the 8th March 1930.

The Quilon Dewan Peishkar reported that though there was heavy loss to the cultivators, the damage was not so serious as to call for remission of taxes and that, further, the Remission Rules contemplated remission only in specified areas and were not applicable to the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks. He was, therefore, of opinion that the best form of relief was by way of granting agricultural loans to the ryots who suffered heavy loss on account of the flood. The Land Revenue Commissioner, however, recommended remission of taxes as a special case to such of the *punja* cultivators in the above two taluks as had seriously suffered from failure of crops on account of the floods. But, as it was found that agricultural loans had been granted to sufferers, no further action was thought necessary in the matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know the date on which the Government received the report of the Dewan Peishkar?

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